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Welcome to the Astoria Regatta

We are celebrating 125 years of community and tradition

Join us August 7-10 as we honor our region's maritime history and celebrate our future. Most events are free and offer something to delight everyone in your family.

On Wednesday evening, come say farewell to outgoing Queen Catherine Tapales at the Queen's Farewell. Then, join us as we crown the 2019 Astoria Regatta Queen at the Queen's Coronation & Reception.

On Thursday, take the kids out to Warrenton City Park for the Astoria-Warrenton Kiwanis Junior Parade. Decorate bikes, scooters, wagons or any other non-motorized transportation and join the fun. One winning entry will be included in the Grand Parade! After the parade head to a Movie in the Park, featuring "Toy Story."

Join us for a solemn moment on Friday at the Seamen's Memorial as we recognize those who work on the water. On Friday evening, get ready to eat, drink and be merry at the Admiral's Reception as we celebrate Regatta Admiral Willis Van Dusen and Admiral's Aide Craig Hoppes. Be sure to wear your 2019 Regatta Pin for \$10 off admission to the party.

On Saturday, check out downtown Astoria for a fun-filled day, including the Regatta Square block party, a Fun Run, the historic Grand Land Parade and the Highwater Boat Parade. There's no better way to spend a day than enjoying all the free, family fun at the Astoria Regatta!

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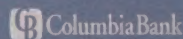


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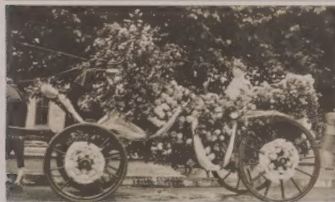
EVENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Queen's Farewell

5:30 p.m.
McTavish Room at the Liberty Theatre
1203 Commercial St.
This event is hosted in honor of outgoing Queen Catherine Tapales to celebrate her service this last year.

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Astoria Regatta Signature Event

Queen's Coronation & Reception

7 p.m.
Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial St.
The Regatta Court will give their speeches one final time before crowning the new Regatta Queen and open the festival. Following the coronation is a reception in honor of the new Queen.

Sponsored by Van Dusen Beverages, Columbia Bank and Pacific Power

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Astoria-Warrenton Kiwanis Junior Parade

7 p.m.
Warrenton City Park, 300 SW Alder Ave.
Families and children are invited to participate in the Kiwanis Junior Parade. Decorate bikes, scooters, wagons or any other non-motorized transportation and join the fun. Costumes, themed entries and general fun is highly encouraged! The best entry, as judged by the Regatta Court, will be included in the Grand Land Parade!

Sponsored by the Warrenton Business Association and Walmart

Movie in the Park

9 p.m.
Warrenton City Park, 300 SW Alder Ave.
Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to enjoy "Toy Story," featuring the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen, in the park.

Hosted by the Warrenton Business Association

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Astoria Regatta Signature Event

Seamen's Memorial

3 p.m.
Maritime Memorial Park, 10 Bay St.
This long-time tradition is an opportunity to honor those who worked on the water. We recognize the U.S. Coast Guard, Navy, commercial fishermen, river and bar pilots as well as others involved in maritime industries.

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Admiral's Reception

6 p.m.
Maritime Memorial Park, 10 Bay St.
Tickets: \$20 at the door, \$10 with Regatta Pin
Join the Regatta Association as we celebrate our Admiral, Willis Van Dusen, and the Admiral's Aide, Craig Hoppes. This annual party is always a good time, filled with locally catered appetizers and drinks.

Sponsored by Teevin Brothers, Warrenton Fiber & Nygaard Logging and U.S. Bank

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Astoria Regatta Signature Event

Rose Planting

9 a.m.
Flavel House, 441 8th St.
The Rose Planting honors the Queen and Admiral with new additions to the Flavel House rose garden with our friends from the Royal Rosarians of Portland.

Sponsored by Ocean Crest Chevrolet Buick GMC and Clatsop County Historical Society

Regatta Square

11 a.m.
Downtown Astoria, 12th & Exchange Street
You will find food options, live music, booths and a Kid Zone full of bouncy fun at the Regatta Square in the heart of downtown Astoria

Sponsored by Columbia Memorial Hospital and OHSU

Fun Run

11:45 a.m.
Downtown Astoria, 12th & Exchange Street
The Fun Run is a 1-mile run that follows the Grand Land Parade route through downtown Astoria just before the start of the Parade. Register on the day of the race at 11th and Exchange Street

Sponsored by Providence Seaside Hospital

Astoria Regatta Signature Event



Grand Land Parade

12 p.m.
Downtown Astoria
The main event each year is the Grand Land Parade through downtown Astoria. The parade kicks off with a Coast Guard flyover at noon, followed by floats, bands and cool cars that make their way along the parade route. Watch for the Astoria Regatta Court, our Grand Marshals, the Admiral and the Admiral's Aide, as well as entries from many local businesses and groups.

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Astoria Regatta Signature Event

Highwater Boat Parade

4 p.m.
Astoria Riverwalk
The Highwater Boat Parade takes place on the Columbia River. This parade features a variety of boats including service groups, the commercial industry and sports crafts. Be sure to catch the Regatta Court on the Bar Pilot's boat leading the parade. You can view the parade from many restaurants on the water as well as docks along the riverfront.

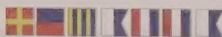
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Pop's Concert

7 p.m.
Astoria High School, 1001 W Marine Drive
Come tap your toes to the music of the Columbia River Symphony, directed by Cory Pederson, as they deliver their annual Regatta Pop's Concert.

Sponsored by NW Natural Gas and Bank of the Pacific

Astoria Regatta



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GRAND LAND PARADE



**Saturday, August 10 at 12 p.m.
Downtown Astoria**

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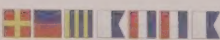
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REGATTA FUN

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Activities the whole family can do to celebrate the 125th Astoria Regatta

- 1 Junior Parade and movie in the park
- 2 Purple Cow booth at Regatta Square
- 3 Bounce houses at Regatta Square
- 4 Parks After Dark Movie in McClure Park, Aug. 10 "Guardians of the Galaxy"
- 5 Oregon Film museum (Clatsop County Historical Society)
- 6 Seaside Beach Discovery Program with the Seaside Aquarium
- 7 Astoria Sunday Market
- 8 "Shanghaied in Astoria"
- 9 Grand Land Parade
- 10 Highwater Boat Parade
- 11 Frite and Scoop ice cream
- 12 Lewis and Clark National Historic Park Junior Ranger program at Fort Clatsop
- 12.5 The giant slide at McClure Park (8th Street and Grand Ave.) half because the slide down is fun, but the stairs back ... not so much.

2019 Astoria Regatta commemorative pin

Whether you're a collector of the Astoria Regatta Pin or a bargain hunter, be sure to get your 2019 Astoria Regatta 125th Anniversary Celebration pin from one of our local businesses.

It's a better value than ever before! For just \$10, you will own a beautiful keepsake that will give you a \$10 discount on your ticket to The Admiral's Reception and special discounts at all participating merchants through the last day of the festival.



Buy your pin at one of these Astoria businesses. Then, be sure to wear it for discounts around town!

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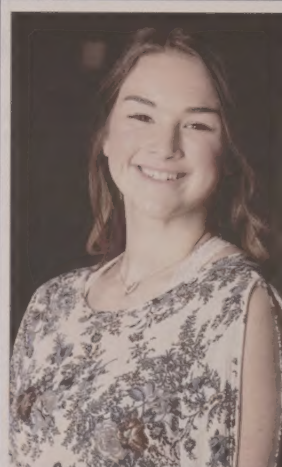
2019 REGATTA COURT



2019 ASTORIA REGATTA

PRINCESS MARA DOWALIBY

Mara Dowaliby is a junior at Warrenton High School and is the youngest of four girls. She enjoys spending time with her family, being outdoors, writing and golfing. She is a member of CommuniCare, National Honor Society and the vice president of Student Council. Dowaliby is a longtime member of the Viking Nordic Dance Group, as well as the Vasa Lodge No. 215. She has a passion for service and leadership and hopes to become a pediatrician.



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PRINCESS KAYLA HELLGISO

Kayla Helligso is a junior at Astoria High School. At AHS, she is involved in Business Leaders of Tomorrow and CommuniCare clubs. Helligso's favorite pastime — besides spending time with her family — is playing softball. She is currently the starting catcher on the AHS softball team — go Lady Fish! The Regatta Festival is in Helligso's blood. She has had many family members participate in the festival, most notably her two older sisters who both served on the Regatta Court. Her favorite Regatta memories are traveling all over the Pacific Northwest to watch her sisters in parades.



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PRINCESS CAITLIN HILLMAN

Caitlin Hillman is a junior at Seaside High School. She is involved with several extracurricular activities at SHS. She enjoys cheering on the Gulls at every Friday night football game and hitting the links with the golf team in the spring. In addition to cheer and golf, she is the activities coordinator for the SHS Associated Student Body. Hillman plans to attend a four year university and major in elementary education.



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PRINCESS SERENA MOHA

Serena Moha is a junior at Warrenton High School. In school, she is actively involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, CommuniCare, drama and band. She enjoys participating in track, cross country and dance. Moha plans to attend a four-year university after graduating to study civil engineering.

REGATTA QUEEN

2019 Astoria Regatta Queen's Coronation

Wednesday, August 7, 7 p.m. • Liberty Theatre

For 125 years, The Astoria Regatta has been represented by a distinguished court of young women from Clatsop County high schools. Throughout the year, the court gives speeches and attends parades.

This was the third year of the Regatta Court Mentorship Program, which aligns each of the court members with a leader who mentored her throughout the year.

Last year, Catherine Tapales was crowned the 2018 Regatta Queen. The new queen will be chosen from the four 2019 Regatta Princess Ambassadors during the Queen's Coronation on Wednesday, Aug 7, at the Liberty Theatre



2018 ASTORIA REGATTA

QUEEN
CATHERINE TAPALES

Queen Catherine Tapales is a senior at Warrenton High School. She is involved with Student Council, the National Honors Society, Communicare and is the head statistician for the wrestling team. Tapales plans to attend Oregon State University and eventually enter the medical field. She enjoys hanging out with friends and exploring new places.



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HISTORY OF ASTORIA REGATTA



1914 Regatta Queen Allie Forstrom

Matriarchy marches on

Celebrating 125 years of Regatta royalty

BY LUCY KLEINER

When Marilyn Gustafson was 18 years old, she rode into Astoria on a huge, royal elephant. The year was 1953, and the carnival in town was the biggest celebration in the county – the Astoria Regatta.

Gustafson wore a dainty crown on her head and a long dress that flowed to her feet. One of the circus workers leaned a ladder against the animal's rough skin, and the elephant keeper pulled her up on its back.

"I climbed up, and the two of us rode the elephant," Gustafson said. "I sat right on the back of its forehead."

Together they marched through downtown, Gustafson high on the elephant's back in her royal Regatta attire. Community members gathered and called out her name while she greeted them. Her dad snapped a photo on their old film camera.

"You get that wave on your hand," she said. Gustafson, now 84, is one of the oldest living Regatta queens.

That was 66 years ago. While the circus no longer comes to town and film negatives have been replaced by smartphone cameras, Regatta queens still ride through Astoria, greeting Clatsop County in the same way.

"It's called the 'elbow-elbow-wrist-wrist,'" said current Regatta Queen Catherine Tapales, 17.

Tapales spent the last two years running around the county working on public speeches and perfecting the parade wave, like the many Regatta queens before her.

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, through Saturday, Aug. 10, the community will join together in royal celebration for the 125th time. Community members will walk, drive and fly to the northern coast to celebrate their home, neighbors and the people who built the town. It will also be an evening of emotion and history, as the 125th Regatta Queen is crowned at the Queen's Coronation.

It's one of the oldest festivals west of the Rocky Mountains, and in the state.



Astoria Regatta Queen Rachelle Sims (1995)

Regatta and its queens have survived the tests of history. They have seen both world wars come and go, watched flames swallow the city and welcomed more than a century of fishing boats home.

Changing with the times

While the festival continues to recognize young women for their dedication to the community, a lot has changed, too. When Lydia Seabold was crowned in 1952, the first queen after WWII, she used a telephone operator to call her girlfriends before they met at the soda fountain at Lawson's Confectionery.

Patti Nelson, the 1981 queen, and her friends would fold little paper notes up and pass them in the hall with times to meet at the Tapiola swimming pool.

"We didn't have Google maps," Nelson said.

Rachelle Sims, crowned in 1995, still remembers the day her stepdad installed her own personal landline in the house so chats with her friends wouldn't tie up the family's business calls.

"We used an actual, real life, on the wall landline," Sims said.

Today, Tapales uses Snapchat to reach her friends. The ceremony has evolved over the years. One of the biggest changes: the queen's bonus. In addition to the \$4,000 awarded to each princess, an additional \$1,500 scholarship is granted to the queen to help cover the cost of college and reward her for another year of work with Regatta.



Astoria Regatta Queen Lydia Seabold (1952)

Nelson started the fund with her husband. When she was on the court 38 years ago, each princess was awarded \$200.

"It was something we wanted to do to honor the queens and the extra hard work they do," Nelson said.

Memorizing speeches

Being a Regatta queen is no easy task, especially for a high school senior. It's a year of 4 a.m. wakeup calls, civic projects and stressful speeches.

"They're very bright young ladies who really grow during their time on court," said Charlene Larsen, who served as Regatta President in 1995 and has worked with the festival for 49 years.

"It's amazing to see just how accomplished these ladies are."

No matter the decade they were crowned, every queen remembers the public speaking that accompanied the tiaras.

Part of the requirement of the Regatta court is that the speeches are memorized by the Queen's Coronation.

"I think the public speaking was a great asset to me personally," Nelson said. "I didn't really anticipate benefiting from it that way."

The young women spend months drilling the presentation into their brains. Sims remembers speeches from multiple girls on her court. Nelson can still recite her opening line.

"I am the Astor Column ..."



Astoria Regatta Queen Catherine Tapales (2018)

Gustafson, the Regatta Queen from 1953, will make the trip back to Astoria from Portland for the festival. She still talks on the phone with Seabold every other day.

Tapales, who will soon wrap up her time with Regatta, recalls the first speech she had to do as a member of the court. "I didn't have my speech memorized yet so I had it on notecards," she said. "I remember I was trembling, and I was trying not to drop my notecards. It was really scary."

By the time coronation came around, she knew every word of her speech.

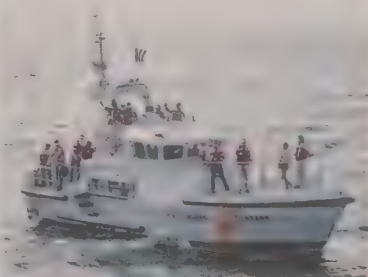
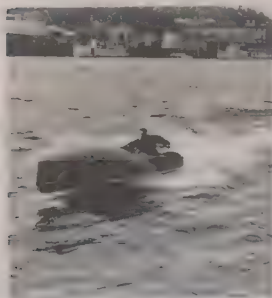
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Life on the water

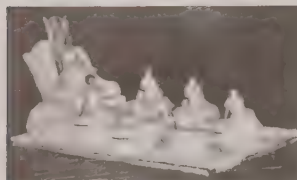
The Regatta has welcomed home boats for more than a century. While design and practice have evolved since 1894, the tradition lives on at the mouth of the Columbia.





Remembering Regatta royalty

Local historians and Regatta participants throughout the years have developed an extensive archive of Regatta memorabilia. From sky to sea, here's a glimpse of the Queens throughout the ages.



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Willis Van Dusen is one of Astoria's most prominent citizens and vocal advocates. He is a fifth-generation Astorian and served as mayor of Astoria for 24 years from 1991 to 2014. He and his wife have five grown children — all of whom still live in Astoria.

He is president of Van Dusen Enterprises, Oregon's oldest family business. He is a past president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Astoria Rotary Club. He is also a past president of the Astoria Historical Society and a past president of the Astoria Lions Club. He is a past president of the Astoria Hospital Foundation and a past president of the Astoria Cancer Foundation.



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ADMIRAL'S AIDE CRAIG HOPPES

Craig Hoppes has lived in Astoria for more than 22 years. Hoppes has been superintendent for the Astoria School District for more than 12 years, and has worked in the school district for the past 22 years. Along with being a board member for the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council and the Clatsop County Historical Society, he is the past president of the Astoria Rotary Club and Astoria Lions Club.

Hoppes lives in Astoria with his wife, JoAnne. Their two grown children, Frankie and Kelsie, are both graduates of Astoria High School. Hoppes is living in the Astoria area and spending time outside on the coast.

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GRAND MARSHALS ROBERT AND IRENE BALTIMORE

Irene and Robert Baltimore of Warrenton have been married for 58 years. They have one son and a granddaughter who live in Tualatin.

Irene Baltimore is from Sacramento, Calif., where she attended Yuba and Sacramento State colleges. She worked for First National Bank, Oregon Youth Authority in Warrenton and Liz Claiborne in Seaside. She retired from the Warrenton School District. Irene is an active volunteer with the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber Ambassadors, Cruise Hosts, Assistance League, Miss Oregon and Miss Clatsop County, Liberty Theatre, Anchor Club, and of course the Astoria Regatta. She also belongs to numerous clubs.

Robert "Bob" Baltimore was born in Mill City. He attended Santiam High School and Willamette University. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and was discharged in 1960. He started working for Pacific Power in Bend in 1962. After moving around for a few years, the couple came to Clatsop County in 1972. Bob retired from Pacific Power in 1990 after 28 years. He has volunteered at the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber office, is a past member of the Astoria Clowns, a past president of Kiwanis and currently volunteers with the Chamber Ambassadors.



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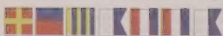


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CO-PRESIDENT ERIK THORSEN

Erik Thorsen has spent the majority of his life in the Astoria-Warrenton area. He grew up in Warrenton and graduated from Warrenton High School in 1987. He attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., where he received his Bachelor of Arts in accounting. He earned his MBA from Marylhurst University in Portland and holds an active CPA license in Washington state.

Thorsen is Columbia Memorial Hospital's Chief Executive Officer, a position he has held since 2010. Prior to being named CEO, Thorsen acted as the hospital's Chief Operating Officer and also served as the hospital's Chief Financial Officer. He serves on and supports a number of local boards and associations. Thorsen and his wife, Mary, spend their free time with their children, Keifer, Jake and Ella. They love raising their family in this community and enjoy all the Pacific Northwest has to offer.



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CO-PRESIDENT PAUL WINIARZ

Prior to arriving in Astoria, Winiarz was a native of Chicago, where he attended Lane Technical High School, Southern Illinois University and then lived and worked in the greater Chicago and suburban areas.

Having relocated to Astoria seven years ago, he retired as an independent commercial mortgage broker. He has been an avid sailboat racer for decades. Winiarz stays active as a member of the Astoria Rotary Club, Astoria Yacht Club, Knights of Columbus, Operations Board member of the Astoria Riverfront Trolley and is a member of the BKS Sportsmen's Club. He regularly volunteers for events sponsored by the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce.

Winiarz is a lifelong believer of giving back and paying it forward.

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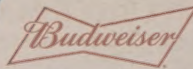


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